

spent peaceful moments with boat maker and bone fisherman Captain Ansil Saunders in 1964 and 1968. The bust, in the image of Dr. King will be designed and sculpted by renowned sculptor Erik Blome. The activities will also incorporate the launching of a scholarship award program for deserving Bahamian students to attend the historic Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Florida.

Ansil Saunders, the bonefish man, tells the story of how he took Dr. King out into the mangroves of Bimini to think and meditate. Dr. King wrote his acceptance speech in the mangroves for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. He also wrote the notes for his speech to the Sanitation Workers in Memphis in those mangroves three days before his death.

The project is supported by the Frisch family of Jacksonville, Florida, one of whom Ben, runs Bahamas Food Services in Nassau. The project will be unveiled in Bimini in honor of the 50th anniversary of the "I Have A Dream" speech delivered at the monument in Washington, D.C.

I want to personally thank members of the Martin Luther King Jr. Bimini Plaque Project Committee, including Joyce Danford, Executive Director, Dr. Richard Danford, Esmin

Shakespeare Master, Edward Waters College Scholarship Coordinator (who has Bahamian roots); and Nat Glover, President of Edward Waters College. I also want to thank Bahamian Prime Minister Perry G. Christie and Bahamian Minister of Tourism Leonard Stuart for their strong support of the project.

Bimini, about 40 miles east of Miami, Florida, was also a retreat for noted American author and journalist Ernest Hemingway, and American Politician Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

IN RECOGNITION OF LULA BELLE
WILSON

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Lula Belle Wilson for her contributions to the local community. A resident of Long Branch, New Jersey, Mrs. Wilson has selflessly dedicated much of her life to others.

A dedicated mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, Lula Belle Wilson has been a

member of the Second Baptist Church in Long Branch for over 60 years. Mrs. Wilson has led a life inspired in many ways by her devotion to her faith. A native of Cordele, Georgia, Lula Belle Wilson moved to New Jersey where she became a member of the Second Baptist Church in 1950. Since that time, Mrs. Wilson has been actively involved with the church. This includes her tenure as president of the church's Carnation Club, president of the Seacoast Usher Union, vice-president of the Kitchen Circle, and president of the Senior Usher. For over 60 years, Lula Belle Wilson has been a devoted member of the Long Branch community and the Second Baptist Church. Her faith has led her through good times and bad, and Lula Belle Wilson continues to share her faith and positive demeanor with members of her church and community. It is with great joy that I am able to join with the Second Baptist Church in honoring Lula Belle Wilson's over 60 years of service.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in leading this body in recognition of Lula Belle Wilson. Her active role with the Second Baptist Church and the community of Long Branch make Mrs. Wilson truly deserving of this body's recognition.